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TO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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TAGS: CGEN: (BELTON, ALBERT B.)

SUBJECT: DEPOSITION IN MATTER OF BELTON B. PILVAX

PRINTING CORP.

REF: BUDAPEST 3665 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT HAS CONTACTED KORNREICH CONCERNING ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED REFTEL. KORNREICH EXPLAINED THAT N.Y. COURT WOULD NOT ACCEPT "QUASI-DEPOSITION" AND TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN BEFORE LETTERS ROGATORY COULD BE EXECUTED AND RETURNED. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, AND DEPT'S CONCLUSION THAT THIS IS A MATTER WHERE "THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES WILL BE SERVED ONLY BY HAVING (THE DEPOSITION) TAKEN". EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAKING DEPOSITION, PROVIDED HUNGARIAN LAW DOES NOT FORBID IT.

2. DEPT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY HAVE QUESTIONS TRANSLATED BEFOREHAND. QUESTIONS COULD THEN BE READ TO WITNESS IN HUNGARIAN (EITHER BY LOCAL, PURSUANT TO CONOFF'S AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE, SEE PAGE 2 OF ORDER, OR BY CONOFF). SUGGEST ALSO THAT EMBASSY RETAIN STENO CAPABLE OF RECORDING RESPONSES IN HUNGARIAN. WITNESS WOULD SIGN HUNGARIAN ANSWERS WHICH COULD THEN BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIAL TRANSLATION BUREAU.

3. PACKET DESCRIBED AT 7 FAM 842.7-4 SHOULD INCLUDE ENGLISH QUESTIONS, OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS THEREOF (DULY AUTHENTICATED), HUNGARIAN RESPONSES (AS TRANSCRIBED BY HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE STENO), AND OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF ANSWERS, ALSO AUTHENTICATED. OTHER PAPERS MENTIONED IN SECTION 842.7-4 SHOULD ALSO BE ENCLOSED.

4. KORNREICH IS FORWARDING DOLS 100 CHECK TO PAY COST OF TRANSLATIONS AND EXPENSE OF HIRING STENO, AS WELL AS OFFICIAL FEES. PLEASE ADVISE IF MORE IS NEEDED. KISSINGER

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